

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A protein comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2 or 4, wherein said protein has an XIAP-binding activity.
- Claim 2. (Currently Amended) A protein comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2 or 4 in which one or more amino acids are replaced, deleted, added, and/or inserted, having homology of 60% or higher to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2 or 4, and having a thioredoxin reductase activity and an XIAP-binding activity,
- Claim 3. (Currently Amended) A protein having a thioredoxin reductase activity, encoded by a DNA which hybridizes to the DNA comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1 or 3, wherein said protein has an XIAP-binding activity.
- Claim 4. (Original) A protein comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2 or 4 in which one or more amino acids are replaced, deleted, added, and/or inserted and having an XIAP binding activity.
- Claim 5. (Original) A protein encoded by a DNA which hybridizes to the DNA comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1 or 3, and having an XIAP binding activity.
- Claim 6. (Original) An antibody binding to the protein of any one of claims 1 to 5.
- Claim 7. (Original). A cDNA encoding the protein of any one of claims 1 to 5.
- Claim 8. (Original) A cDNA comprising a protein coding region of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1 or 3.

- Claim 9. (Original) A vector into which the DNA of claim 7 or 8 has been inserted.
- Claim 10. (Original) A transformant carrying the vector of claim 9.
- Claim 11. (Original) A method for producing the protein of any one of claims 1 to 5, the method containing culturing the transformant of claim 10.
- Claim 12. (Original) An antisense DNA against all or a part of the cDNA of claim 7.
- Claim 13. (Original) An oligonucleotide comprising a strand of at least 15 nucleotides and hybridizing to the cDNA of claim 7.
- Claim 14. (Original) A DNA encoding a protein with a thioredoxin reductase activity and comprising the first exon or the second exon, and the third to the nineteenth exons below:
- the first exon, SEQ ID NO: 18;
 - the second exon, SEQ ID NO: 19;
 - the third exon, SEQ ID NO: 20;
 - the forth exon, SEQ ID NO: 21;
 - the fifth exon, SEQ ID NO: 22;
 - the sixth exon, SEQ ID NO: 23;
 - the seventh exon, SEQ ID NO: 24;
 - the eighth exon, SEQ ID NO: 25;
 - the ninth exon, SEQ ID NO: 26;
 - the tenth exon, SEQ ID NO: 27;
 - the eleventh exon, SEQ ID NO: 28;
 - the twelfth exon, SEQ ID NO: 29;
 - the thirteenth exon, SEQ ID NO: 30;
 - fourteenth exon, SEQ ED NO: 31;
 - the fifteenth exon, SEQ ID NO: 32;
 - the sixteenth exon, SEQ ID NO: 33;
 - the seventeenth axon, SEQ ED NO: 34;

the eighteenth axon, SEQ ID NO: 35; and
the nineteenth exon, SEQ ID NO: 36.

Claim 15. (Original) The DNA of claim 14, described by SEQ ID NO: 37.

Claim 16. (Original) A DNA hybridizing to the nucleotide sequence of any one of SEQ ID NOs: 18 to 36 or a part thereof, which can hybridize to human chromosome 22q11.2.

Claim 17. (Original) A DNA which can hybridize to all or a part of a portion of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 37, the portion non-overlapping with the nucleotide sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 18 to 36.

Claim 18. (Original) A method for screening a compound having an activity of inhibiting a binding of XIAP with the binding factor, the method comprising the steps of:

- (a) contacting simultaneously a candidate substance as a subject for screening, and XIAP with the protein of claim 2, or
- (a)' contacting a candidate substance as a subject for screening with XIAP, and then, further contacting with the protein of claim 2,
- (b) determining the amount of the protein of claim 2 which binds and/or does not bind to XIAP, and
- (c) selecting a compound which inhibits binding of XIAP with the protein of claim 2.

Claim 19. (Original) A method for screening a compound having an activity of promoting or inhibiting an enzyme activity of thioredoxin reductase II, the method comprising the steps of:

- (a) contacting a candidate substance as a subject for screening with the protein of any one of claims 1 to 3,
- (b) observing the change in a thioredoxin reductase activity of the protein of any one of claims 1 to 3, and

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- (c) selecting a compound which promotes or inhibits an enzyme activity of thioredoxin reductase II.